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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

1. This morning I had a telephone call from Harry Traynor of AEC pointing out that back on 1 July the AEC, by direction from the White House, had announced certain possible nuclear detonations in the Soviet Union and that the statement had indicated that further information would be provided as available. They had just received a query from a newspaper man as to whether any further information was available, and, after talking to Chuck Johnson at the White House, they proposed to say that there was "nothing further" available, and, if pressed, they were going to shrug their shoulders. They wanted clearance for this purpose.

2. I discussed the matter with [redacted] and we agreed that it seemed like rather a negative approach and that it would be better to refer to the fact that the United States detection system is always looking and will always continue to do so, but that specifically as regards this case there was nothing further to report. Dr. Traynor thought well of the idea and said they would follow it. 25X1

3. Subsequently he called me urgently and asked for permission to brief his Acting General Manager (the Chairman and General Luedecke being away) on enough TKH information on a very limited basis in order to have the AEC covered under these circumstances. I authorized him to do so for this one piece of information in this one particular case.


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